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RESPONSE

This paper responds to the Official Action mailed 12 November 2004. The above Application includes pending Claims 1 – 20.

The Office rejects Claims 1 – 6, 13, 14 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Office also rejects Claims 1 and 5 – 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,251,319 to Tusim et al. (hereinafter “Tusim”). The Office rejects Claims 1 and 6 – 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 10-130416 to Kanebuchi Kagaka Kogyo KK (hereinafter “Kanebuchi”). The Office also rejects Claims 1 – 8 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,132,171 to Yoshizawa et al. (hereinafter “Yoshizawa”). The Office rejects Claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tusim in combination with Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and

Engineering, Cellular Materials (hereinafter "Encyclopedia"). The Office notes that Claims 15 and 16 are allowable over prior art of record.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections noted above and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks resented below.

Applicant thanks the Office for indicating that Claims 15 and 16 contain allowable subject matter and briefly explaining its rationale for doing so. Finally, Applicant respectfully asks the Office to issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1 – 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 – 17 and 19.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.